



You may have heard that Washington, DC is synonymous with the federal government shutdown, but in fact, DC is a real place with neighborhoods, art galleries, shops, attractions and local restaurants. And it's open for business! Here's proof:

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN:

The National Gallery of Art may be closed temporarily, but visitors can engage with fine arts at:

Corcoran Gallery of Art; District Architecture Center; Dumbarton Oaks; Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America; the Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital; Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens; Kreeger Museum; Long View Gallery; National Geographic Museum; National Museum of Women in the Arts; the Phillips Collection; St. Mathews Cathedral; Textile Museum; Tudor Place House & Garden; Walter E. Washington Convention Center; Washington National Cathedral

Post your favorite places from this list to Facebook and Twitter with hashtag **#DCisOPEN** AND YOU COULD WIN A FREE TRIP TO DC.

HISTORY

The National Museum of American History is temporarily closed, but visitors can get hands-on history lessons at:

Anderson House - The Society of Cincinnati; Arlington House; Arlington National Cemetery; Bureau of Printing & Engraving; Crime Museum; DAR Constitution Hall; George Washington's Mount Vernon; the German-American Heritage Museum; the International Spy Museum; Lafayette Square; Madame Tussauds Washington D.C.; National Children's Museum; National Geographic Museum; the Newseum; President Lincoln's Cottage; Supreme Court; Woodrow Wilson Center; Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum

OPEN

GARDENS

Bummed you can't stroll the National Mall? Take a walk in one of these beautiful gardens:

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; Dumbarton Oaks; Folger Shakespeare Theatre; Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America; George Washington's Mount Vernon; Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens; Kreeger Museum; Tudor Place House & Garden; Washington National Cathedral

PERFORMING ARTS

DC's excellent performing arts scene, including theater, dance, film, is in full swing at:

9:30 Club; AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center; Arena Stage; Atlas Performing Arts Center; Black Cat; Dance Place; Folger Shakespeare Library; The Hamilton Live; Howard Theatre; the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Lincoln Theatre; Medieval Times; National Theatre; National Public Radio Building; Studio Theater; Signature Theater; Shakespeare Theatre Company; Strathmore; Toby's Dinner Theatre; Ticketplace; Warner Theatre; Washington National Opera, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company

SCIENCE

The National Air and Space Museum is temporarily closed, but visitors can find engaging science exhibits at:

The Crime Museum; Marian Koshland Science Museum; National Building Museum and the National Geographic Museum

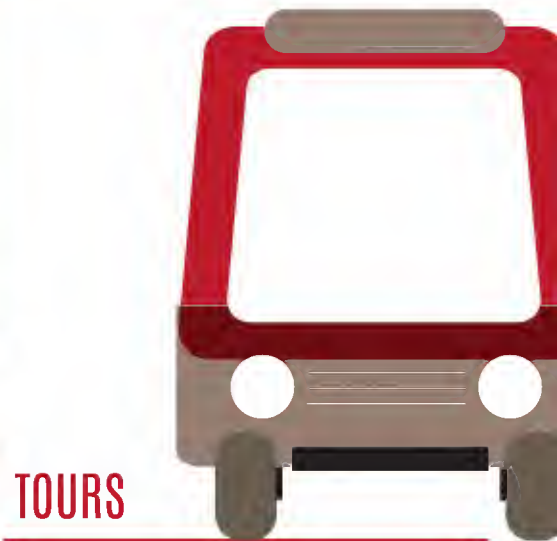
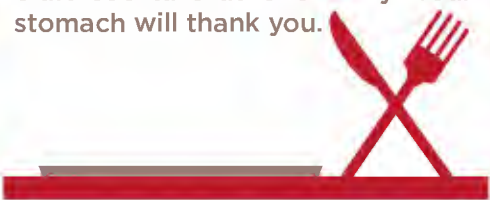
SPORTS & RECREATION

East Potomac Park may not be accepting tee times, but there's plenty of thrilling sports action and outdoor fun at:

Buffalo Billiards; D.C. United; FedEx Field; Go Ape Treetop Adventures; Lucky Strike Lanes; RFK Memorial Stadium; Six Flags America; Terrapin Adventures; Top Golf; Verizon Center; Washington International Horse Show; Washington Mystics; Washington Redskins; Washington Wizards; Washington Capitals

RESTAURANTS & BARS

DC has 2,000 places to dine, from breakfast at The Old Ebbitt Grill or a picnic packed at Union Market to craft cocktails at Chez Billy. Your stomach will thank you.



TOURS

For now you can't tour the U.S. Capitol, but you can take an exciting city tour with:

Adventure Links; America's Trusted Tours & Attractions; American City Walking Guide of Washington, DC; Big Bus Tours; Bike and Roll; C&O Canal Boat Rides; Capital City Bike Tours; Capital River Cruises; City Segway Tours of Washington, DC; DC by Foot; DC Ghost Tours; DC Metro Food Tours; DC Trails; DC Walkabout; Double Key Treasure Hunts; Entertainment Cruises; Old Post Office Building Pavillion; Old Town Trolley Tours; Potomac Riverboat Company; Side Tour; Washington Walks

For more information about what's open in DC, call the Shutdown Concierge at 855-332-7767 or visit washington.org.